

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1126

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public safety; amending 63 O.S.  
2011, Section 683.28, as amended by Section 17,  
8 Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section  
683.28), which relates to the Oklahoma Department of  
9 Emergency Management; allowing creation of registry,  
database or program for certain tracking of  
10 individuals in severe weather; and providing an  
effective date.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 683.28, as  
15 amended by Section 17, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2017,  
16 Section 683.28), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 683.28. A. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency  
18 Management, in cooperation with governmental entities, individual  
19 volunteers and volunteer organizations throughout the State of  
20 Oklahoma, shall:

21 1. Assist all state agencies in the development of emergency  
22 management volunteer programs;  
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1        2. Operate as a statewide information center for volunteer  
2 programs and needed services that could be delivered by volunteer  
3 programs;

4        3. Provide or aid in the provision of technical assistance and  
5 training for directors and coordinators of volunteers, for staff,  
6 and for individual volunteers for state, local or private entities;

7        4. Assess and recognize the needs of communities throughout the  
8 State of Oklahoma and assist volunteer programs to meet emergency  
9 preparedness and disaster recovery programs;

10       5. Promote and coordinate efforts to expand and improve the  
11 statewide voluntary network;

12       6. Develop, implement and maintain a volunteer clearinghouse to  
13 disseminate information to support emergency management volunteer  
14 programs and to broaden voluntary involvement throughout the State  
15 of Oklahoma;

16       7. Promote communication and collaboration between public and  
17 private volunteer programs in the State of Oklahoma and between the  
18 public and private sector's initiatives in meeting emergency human  
19 needs;

20       8. Establish methods for supporting and promoting private  
21 sector leadership and responsibility for meeting emergency public  
22 needs;

23       9. Cooperate with federal, state, and local volunteer groups in  
24 collecting information on federal, state and private resources which

1 may encourage and improve emergency management volunteer projects  
2 within the State of Oklahoma;

3 10. Develop a program to inform the public of the opportunities  
4 to volunteer and of the services emergency management volunteers  
5 provide within the State of Oklahoma; and

6 11. Cooperate with federal, state and local governments and  
7 voluntary groups in developing a plan and operational procedures for  
8 the receiving and disbursement of donated goods during times of  
9 disaster or emergency.

10 B. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, in  
11 cooperation with governmental entities, individual volunteers and  
12 volunteer organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma, may  
13 develop a program, database or registry whereby individuals involved  
14 in the tracking and science of weather related events, including but  
15 not limited to tornado observation, can be monitored and coordinated  
16 so as to facilitate and ensure public safety for first responders  
17 and the general public involved in weather affected areas.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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